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| Alexis Santiago  Midterm Part 2  Paul Turtola  November 14, 2009    **Public Safety: Drunk Driving**    Drunk Driving is one of the main reasons for so many car accidents. “National total fatalities are 42,532. Alcohol-Related Fatalities are 15, 829 with the percent of 37%.” ("Drunk driving statistics." *2007 Drunk Driving Statistics*. July 2007. Web. 7 Nov. 2009. <http://www.alcoholalert.com/drunk-driving-statistics.html>.) Drunk driving or in other words driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is against the law. There are so many innocent people who became victims of DUI (Driving under the influences) accidents. There is a MADD organization trying to prevent drinking and driving.  Drunk driving or in other words driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is against the law. Nobody wants to have this on their record. Getting caught driving under the influence is a horrible thing. This will be on your record and getting this off won’t happen. “Driving under influence (DUI) or driving while intoxicated/impaired (DWI) is an offence committed when a driver operates a vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drugs or other intoxicants” (Deniz. "DUI/DWI Information for Connecticut | DMV." *DMV information for Connecticut*. DMV, 08 Dec. 2008. Web. 7 Nov. 2009. <http://www.dmv.com/ct/connecticut/dui-dwi>.)  There are so many innocent lives that are taken away from DUI accidents. For example “Yanira Ramirez gets nearly 10 years for DUI murder of Pauline Samantha Portes.”(Norton, Laura. *Drunk Driving Stories and News*. 24 Feb. 2009. Web. 7 Nov. 2009. <http://unclesagainstdrunkdrivers.blogspot.com>.) Since Yanira Ramirez decided she wanted to drink and then drive. Which wasn’t the smartest idea; she was risking everything when she did that. Knowing she had two children at home and other responsibilities. “Apologizing and asked for forgiveness moments before she was sentences to nearly 10 years in prison today for causing the death of a college student in drunken, wrong-way crash on the 55 freeway in November 2007.” (Norton, Laura. *Drunk Driving Stories and News*. 24 Feb. 2009. Web. 7 Nov. 2009. <http://unclesagainstdrunkdrivers.blogspot.com>.) This accident could’ve been avoided if Yanira Ramirez wouldn’t have drunk and drove home. Yanira Ramirez wasn’t thinking about her way home when she was drinking. “She admitted to investigators to drinking four Crown Royal and colas, two patron shots and three Jagermeister “bomb” earlier in the evening at the Cheesecake Factory and Tia Juana’s bar in Iriven, according to the police.” (Norton, Laura. *Drunk Driving Stories and News*. 24 Feb. 2009. Web. 7 Nov. 2009. <http://unclesagainstdrunkdrivers.blogspot.com>.) If only Yanira was using her head this would’ve been avoid. This is a perfect example proven that people should really follow the law and not drink and drive.  There is an organization call MADD, Mothers against Drunk Driving. “Last August the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration unveiled a new anti-drunk driving slogan: Drunk Driving over the Limit.” ("MADD Mad About New Drunk Driving Campaign | DWI.com." *DUI Lawyers and DUI Attorneys: Drunk Driving Defense Attorneys for Driving Under the Influence | DUI.com*. MADD, 13 Sept. 2006. Web. 14 Nov. 2009. <http://www.dui.com/dui-library/prevention/madd-mad-at-dwi-slogan>.) The national organization Mothers against Drunk Driving is now taking offense to the new Champaign.” ("MADD Mad About New Drunk Driving Campaign | DWI.com." *DUI Lawyers and DUI Attorneys: Drunk Driving Defense Attorneys for Driving Under the Influence | DUI.com*. MADD, 13 Sept. 2006. Web. 14 Nov. 2009. <http://www.dui.com/dui-library/prevention/madd-mad-at-dwi-slogan>.) This slogan is saying you can drink as long as you do not reach the legal limit which is .08 your okay to drive. That’s definitely not okay. Just because your alcohol level could be at the legal level, you could still not be able to focus and be able to drive yourself home let alone anybody else. That’s the most dangerous thing to do. There shouldn’t be a limit if you decide to drive home. You shouldn’t be able to drink the drive period!  Drunk driving or in other words driving under the influence isn’t such a good idea one it’s against the law. Secondly innocent people become victims of DUI accidents. Third of all there is a MADD organization trying to prevent drinking and driving, it’s just unsafe. People need to be aware of this issue “drinking and driving.” Anytime you go for a ride or just run to the store you could be hit by a person who is driving under the influence. You never know and today you’re never safe. |
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